National Rain Fed Area Authority

†2271. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

. (a) whether it is a fact that Government have proposed to set up a National Rain Fed Area Authority to develop rainfed agricultural land in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal;

(c) the reasons for delay in implementation of this proposal; and

(d) by when the above proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) It has been proposed to set up a National Rainfed Area Authority to provide much needed knowledge inputs regarding systematic upgradation and management of Country's dry land and rainfed agriculture and to bring about convergence and synergy among the numerous ongoing programmes. The Authority is proposed to be a two tier structure with a Governing Board and an Executive Committee. The Authority will advise, guide and monitor the implementation of programmes covering all aspects of sustainable and holistic development of rainfed areas, including appropriate farming and livelihood system approaches.

(c) and (d) As it involved consultation with may Ministries/ Departments of Government of India, it has taken some time. The matter is in the final stage now.

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†2272. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report from National Commission constituted for farmers under the Chairmanship of agricultural scientist M.S. Swaminathan:

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